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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Designation of duty stations for purposes of rest and recuperation**

1. In accordance with administrative instruction ST/AI/2011/7 and ST/AI/2011/7/Amend.1 and ST/AI/2011/7/Amend.2, on rest and recuperation, and following inter-agency consultations, the Office of Human Resources Management approves the Secretariat duty stations that qualify for rest and recuperation, the frequencies thereof and the designation of rest and recuperation destinations. The annex to the present circular contains the list of duty stations approved for rest and recuperation purposes effective 1 January 2018.

2. In duty stations where the frequency of rest and recuperation has been reduced, the new cycle takes effect immediately. In duty stations where the frequency of rest and recuperation has been prolonged (from 4 to 6 weeks, from 6 to 8 weeks or from 8 to 12 weeks) or discontinued, staff members or eligible individuals who have already started accruing qualifying service prior to 1 January 2018 may avail themselves of rest and recuperation after completing the period of qualifying service previously in effect. Upon the return of the staff member or other eligible individuals to the duty station, the new frequency shall apply.

3. Should security or severe hardship conditions improve or deteriorate at specific duty stations during the course of the year, the duration of the period of qualifying service (frequency) may be adjusted by the Office of Human Resources Management following inter-agency consultations. Similarly, significant changes in a duty station environment may result in the approval or discontinuation of rest and recuperation.

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 June 2018.

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Annex

Consolidated list of duty stations[a] approved by the Office of Human Resources Management for rest and recuperation purposes (effective as from 1 January 2018)

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Afghanistan		
Entire country	6 weeks	Dubai
Algeria		
Tindouf	8 weeks	Algiers
Burkina Faso		
Djibo, Dori	12 weeks	Ouagadougou
Burundi		
Bujumbura, Gitega, Makamba, Ngozi	8 weeks	Nairobi
Cameroon		
Kousséri, Maroua	6 weeks	Yaoundé
Central African Republic		
Entire country	6 weeks	Yaoundé
Chad		
Baga Sola, Bol	6 weeks	Addis Ababa
Abéché, Farchana, Goré, Gozbeida, N'Djamena	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Colombia		
Betania, Caño Indio, Carrizal, Charras, El Carmen, El Ceral, El Jordán, Filipinas, Gallo, La Fila, La Florida, La Guajira, La Plancha, La Pradera, La Reforma, La Variante, Las Colinas, Llano Grande, Los Monos, Miravalle, Monterredondo, Pondores, San José de Oriente, Santa Lucía, Vidrí, Yarí	8 weeks	Bogota
Meta, Quibdó	12 weeks	Bogota
Côte d'Ivoire		
Guiglo	8 weeks	Accra
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		
Pyongyang	8 weeks	Beijing

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Democratic Republic of the Congo		
Aru, Bendera, Beni, Bili, Binyampuri, Bunia, Butembo, Doruma, Dungu, Fizi, Isiro, Ituri, Kabare, Kalehe, Kalemie, Kamanyola, Kananga, Kanyabayonga, Katale, Kilembwe, Kitchanga, Kiwanja, Kongolo, Lubero, Lulimba, Luofu, Mahagi, Manono, Masisi, Mboko, Minebwe, Minova, Mitwaba, Moba, Mubambiro, Mwenge, Ngungu, Nyabiomdo, Nyamilima, Nyanzalé, Nyunzu, Pinga, Pweto, Rwindi, Rutshuru, Sake, Sange, Shabunda, Tongo, Tshikapa, Uvira, Walikale, Walungu	6 weeks	Entebbe
Bandundu, Buburu, Bukavu, Gemena, Goma, Kahemba, Kamina, Kananga, Kenge, Kikwit, Kimpese, Kimvula, Kindu, Kisangani, Kisenge, Matadi, Mbandaka, Mbuji-Mayi, Muanda, Ngidinga, Nioki, Zongo	8 weeks	Entebbe
Lubumbashi	12 weeks	Entebbe
Dominica		
Roseau	12 weeks	Bridgetown
Ethiopia		
Dimma, Kebridehar, Nyien-Yan	6 weeks	Addis Ababa
Jijiga	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Gaza		
Gaza	8 weeks	Amman
Guinea-Bissau		
Bafatá, Bissau, Buba	12 weeks	Accra
Haiti		
Entire country	8 weeks	Santo Domingo
Iraq		
Baghdad, Bajii, Fallujah, Kalar, Khanaqin, Kirkuk, Makhmur, Mosul, Qayyarah, Sharqat, Tikrit, Zummar	4 weeks	Amman
Basrah, Dohuk, Karbala, Maysan, Ramadi	6 weeks	Amman
Erbil, Najaf, Sulaymaniah	8 weeks	Amman
Kenya		
Dadaab, Liboi, Wajir	6 weeks	Nairobi
Kakuma	8 weeks	Nairobi

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Kyrgyzstan		
Osh	8 weeks	Istanbul
Liberia		
Gbarnga, Monrovia, Voinjama, Zwedru	8 weeks	Accra
Libya		
Entire country	6 weeks	Malta
Mali		
Gao, Kidal, Menaka, Tesalit, Tombouctou	4 weeks	Dakar
Mopti	6 weeks	Dakar
Bamako	8 weeks	Dakar
Myanmar		
Sittwe	8 weeks	Yangon
Lashio, Myitkyina (Kachin State)	12 weeks	Yangon
Niger		
Diffa	6 weeks	Niamey
Maradi, Tahoua, Zinder	12 weeks	Niamey
Nigeria		
Damaturu, Maiduguri	6 weeks	Accra
Bauchi, Port Harcourt, Yola	8 weeks	Accra
Akura	12 weeks	Accra
Occupied Syrian Golan		
Occupied Syrian Golan	8 weeks	Amman
Pakistan		
Peshawar, Quetta	6 weeks	Dubai
Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi	8 weeks	Dubai
Papua New Guinea		
Port Moresby	12 weeks	Brisbane
Philippines		
Cotabato City	8 weeks	Manila
Sierra Leone		
Kenema, Magburaka	12 weeks	Accra

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Somalia		
Baidoa, Beledweyne (Belet Uen), Boosaaso, Dhobley, Dhuusamarreeb, Dolow, Galkacyo, Garowe, Jowhar, Kisimaio, Mogadiscio, Wajid	4 weeks	Nairobi
Hargeisa	6 weeks	Nairobi
South Sudan		
Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Gok Machar, Juba, Kapoeta, Kwacjok, Malakal, Melut, Mingkaman, Mundri, Pibor, Rumbek, Torit, Wau, Yambio, Yirol	6 weeks	Entebbe
Sri Lanka		
Kilinochchi	12 weeks	Colombo
Sudan		
Abyei, Buram (S. Darfur), Edd al-Fursan (S. Darfur), El Da'ein (Darfur), El Fasher (Darfur), El Fula, El Geneima (Darfur), Gereida (S. Darfur), Golo (W. Darfur), Habila (W. Darfur), Kabkabiya (Darfur), Kadugli, Kass (Darfur), Khor Abeche (S. Darfur), Khor Omer, Korma, Kutum (Darfur), Labado (S. Darfur), Malha (N. Darfur), Mallit (N. Darfur), Manawashi (Darfur), Masteri (W. Darfur), Morni (W. Darfur), Mukjar (Darfur), Nertiti (W. Darfur), Nyala (Darfur), Saraf Omra/Umra (N. Darfur), Shangal Tobaye (N. Darfur), Sheiria (S Darfur), Sortony (N. Darfur), Tawila (Tawilah) (N. Darfur), Tine (W. Darfur), Um Baro (W. Darfur), Um Kaddada (N. Darfur), Zalingei (Darfur)	6 weeks	Entebbe
Damazine	8 weeks	Entebbe
Syrian Arab Republic		
Entire country (excluding the Alpha side of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force area of operations)	4 weeks	Amman
Uganda		
Moroto	8 weeks	Kampala
Ukraine		
Donetsk, Kramatorsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, Servodonetsk, Sloviansk	8 weeks	Kiev
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
Guasdualito	12 weeks	Bogota
West Bank		
Ramallah	8 weeks	Amman

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Western Sahara		
Laayoune	12 weeks	Las Palmas
Yemen		
Aden, Hudaydah, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Ibb	4 weeks	Larnaca
Haradh, Lahij, Taiz	6 weeks	Larnaca

[a] Reflects duty stations with a presence of Secretariat staff members. Specialized agencies, funds and programmes issue organization-specific lists.